Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service

3022. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service will open from 7th April, 2005;

(b) if so, whether both Governments have provided precautions in the Agreement to ensure that wanted terrorists and criminals do not sneak out of India and infiltrators are not allowed to enter Jammu and Kashmir by the agreed bus service;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. During the recent visit of the External Affairs Minister to Pakistan from February 15-17, 2005, an agreement was reached with Pakistan to start bus services between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad and accordingly the bus service has started since 7th April, 2005.

(b) to (d) Various precautions have been taken to ensure that terrorists and criminals do not sneak out of India or infiltrators are not allowed to enter Jammu and Kashmir from across, which include:—

(i) The cases of each intending traveller from both sides are being vetted by the security agencies.

(ii) Those entering the State are being subjected to security checks as found necessary.

(iii) Record is being maintained to ensure that visitors from across go back before the duration of visit is over.

Resistance to fencing along Indo-Bangladesh borders

3023. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh borders is almost complete;